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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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Allocation of Kerosene
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for transfer of kerosene subsidy into the consumers account in view to check diversion/black-marketing of kerosene;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent of success achieved therefrom;
(c) the details of the cases of black marketing/diversion and smuggling of kerosene reported from various States under Public Distribution System or identified by the Government during the last three years and persons/dealers found involved therein and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise;
(d) the quantum of kerosene quota allocated/consumed by various States during the said period, State/UT-wise;
(e) whether the said quota of kerosene reportedly lapsed on account of non-lifting by some States due to non-availability of transportation and various other reasons; and
(f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to disallow the quota to lapse/re-instate the existing kerosene quota allocated to various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) (a) & (b) It has been decided to implement Direct Benefit Transfer in Kerosene (DBTK) from 1.4.2016 in 39 districts across the country. But on the request of participating State Govts. due to the ongoing steps for preparedness in launching DBTK, the Scheme has not started as yet. Other States/UTs have also been requested to join the Scheme and those State Governments/UTs may also propose
inclusion of more number of Districts in the coming months. It has also been decided that the States would be given cash incentive of 75% of subsidy savings during the first two years, 50% in the third year and 25% in the fourth year. In case the States voluntarily agree to undertake cuts in kerosene allocation, beyond the savings due to DBT, a similar incentive would be given to those States/UTs. Preparation to implement DBTK by the participating States is reviewed regularly. State Government of Karnataka had volunteered to undertake cut in Kerosene allocation. (c) State/UT-wise details of reported cases of irregularities viz. black-marketing/diversion, smuggling etc. of Kerosene under Public distribution System during the last three years and the current year (April-June, 2016) are given in Annexure-I. State/UT-wise details of the SKO dealership suspended/terminated on account of irregularities like Black Marketing, Diversion, Smuggling etc. of PDS Kerosene during last three years and current year (April-June, 2016) are at Annexure-II. (d) to (f) State-wise details of the PDS Kerosene allocated/consumed and lapsed by various States/UTs during the last three years are given in Annexure-III.
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been receiving requests for restoration of quota lapsed on account of non-availability of transportation and various other reasons. These requests are considered on case to case basis and restoration is allowed on merit of the case.